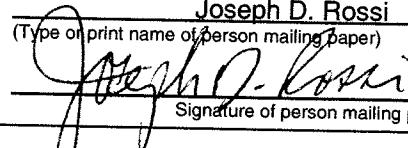


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The following is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 26, 2007 ("the Action"):

- An extension of time is requested and authorization to charge the Account of assignee is provided in an enclosed form.
- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.